

# St. Teresa of Avila Church

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MAY 14, 2023 - 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic faith community of St. Teresa of Avila parish, guided by the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves to proclaim and follow the Good News of Jesus Christ. Basing our lives on faith, hope and love, we seek to meet our needs and the spiritual and corporal needs of those around us. It is our humble prayer that our lives will be visible signs of His presence in the world as we celebrate Christ in His Word and Sacraments.



## MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday Liturgies</i> .....	8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
<i>Saturday Vigil</i> .....	4:30 PM
<i>Daily Mass</i> .....	8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM
<i>Saturday</i> .....	9:00 AM
<i>Vigil of Holy Days</i> .....	5:30 PM
<i>Holy Days</i> .....	8:00 AM, 7:30 PM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 to 4:00 PM  
First Saturday 8:15 to 8:45 AM  
Vigil of Holy Days 3:30 to 4:15 PM  
*or anytime by request.*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

As preparation for Baptism, parents are asked to contact the parish office to make an appointment with the Pastor.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements to be made at the Rectory 6 months in advance.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register at the Rectory as soon as you move within the parish.  
Note: If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the Rectory.

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

These letters needed for Baptismal and Confirmation sponsors are issued gladly to those who: have been registered for 6 months; attend Mass regularly; have been confirmed; if married, have done so in conformity with the Church laws, and whose children attend Religious Education.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., May 15

8:00 Shawn Spoon  
by Diane & Michael Scroger

Tues., May 16

8:00 For the People of St. Teresa's  
Parish by Fr. Art

Wed., May 17

5:30 Fr. Arthur Mattulke - In  
Thanksgiving for his Priestly  
Ordination  
by Margaret & Vittorio

Thurs., May 18 - Ascension of the Lord

8:00 Geraldine Benker  
by Estate

7:30 Intentions for Fathers

Fri., May 19

8:00 William O'Donnell on 1 Year  
Anniversary of Death  
by The O'Donnell Family

Sat., May 20

9:00 Sarah Berlinger  
by Larouere Family

4:30 Loretta Raykowski &  
Raykowski Family  
by Rich Raykowski

Sun., May 21

8:00 Joseph Mattioli  
by Family

10:15 Lino Cometto - 25th  
Anniversary of Death  
by Wife



## Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Acts 16:11-15  
John 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday - Acts 16:22-34  
John 16:5-11

Wednesday - Acts 17:15,22-18:1  
John 16:12-15

Thursday - Acts 1:1-11  
Ephesians 1:17-23  
Matthew 28:16-20

Friday - Acts 18:9-18  
John 16:20-23

Saturday - Acts 18:23-28  
John 16:23b-28

Sunday - Acts 1:12-14  
1 Peter 4:13-16  
John 17:1-11a



May 14, 2023  
6th Sunday of Easter

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, "I will not leave you orphans." God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now.

— Father John Muir

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For an end to violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference. May our homes, our communities and our nation answer God's call to become places of honor for the dignity of each and every person, regardless of race, language, or culture; we pray to the Lord...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially: Sarah Berlinger, Viola Izydorczak, Louis Pulvino, Austin Penn, Jim & Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarriagher, Lorraine Sylvester, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Donna Stock, Rita Whalen, Laura Gray, & Grayson Sanders

### \*\* YOUR PARISH OFFERING \*\*

Funds needed per week in April for Expenses: \$ 4,350

In Pew 4/30/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 3,312.50

The gift of your donation allows us to continue the mission of Christ here at St. Teresa's. Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Charities Update  
Parish Goal: \$40,000  
Current Total: \$ 41,430

We have reached 103% of our goal with 123 donors!  
Thank you for your generosity!

## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 14, 2023

In Remembrance of the Tops Shooting Victims on the 1 Year Anniversary of their Deaths: Roberta A. Drury, Margus D. Morrison, Andre Mackneil, Geraldine Talley, Celestine Chaney, Aaron Salter, Heyward Patterson, Katherine Massey, Pearl Young, Ruth Whitfield; and for those injured - Zaire Goodman, Jennifer Warrington, and Christopher Braden.

**Religious Education:** Please congratulate and remember in your prayers our 2023 First Holy Communion Class:

Benjamin Borden  
Evan Lotz

Jordan Cena  
Zoe Mruk

Allison Clark  
Onalee Young

**Thank You!** for the wonderful donations of baby items that were delivered to St Gianna's. The staff were very thankful for our collection! If you have a baby bottle for St Gianna's they can be returned to the Ladies at the Women's Guild table in the narthex this weekend or to the parish office.

**Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast** - Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be held at Our Lady of Peace parish on Main St. in Clarence on Sunday, May 14 from 8am - noon. Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausage, coffee, tea, and orange juice. This is a free will event with no charge, donations are gratefully accepted.

**St. Teresa of Avila Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market**- Saturday, May 27, 8 am - 4 pm. Tables available to rent. Bring your trash and treasures to sell. Remember someone else's trash is your treasure. Cleaning out your closets or garage? St. Teresa's flea market is for you! Call Judith Bell for an application or for information at 716-542-2010 or 716-983-0166.

### Mark Your Calendars:

- Memorial Day Mass will be held at St. Teresa's cemetery on Bloomingdale Road by the Statue in the new part of the cemetery. Mass is scheduled for 8 AM, weather permitting. Please bring your own chair.
- St. Teresa's Parish will host a Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, May 31st. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held between 4:30 and 5:30 with the Mass starting at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to bring your spiritual, physical and emotional ailments in need of healing to Jesus.

**Please Note:** The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday & Friday, May 18 & 19.

**St. Teresa Cemetery** - The water has been turned on at the Cemetery. Please remember that the cemetery has a carry in, carry out policy for trash.

**GUYS' NIGHT OUT - The Cross: Our Standard of Victory** - May 25th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Men are invited for an evening out to enjoy subs, soda and speakers. Please register by calling 716-692-0276 or emailing Sr. Jacinta olcparishevent@gmail.com. Suggested donation: \$20. Held at the parish hall of Our Lady of Czestochowa at 64 Center Ave, N. Tonawanda.

**GIRLS' NIGHT OUT - The Cross: Our Standard of Victory** - June 1st, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Women are invited for an evening out to enjoy subs, soda, and speakers. Please register by emailing Sr. Jacinta olcparishevent@gmail.com or calling 716-692-0276. Suggested donation \$20. Held at the parish hall of Our Lady of Czestochowa at 64 Center Ave, N. Tonawanda.

**2023 Hilbert College Boys Summer Basketball Camp.** For boys entering grades 3-12. Session 1 is June 25-29, 9 am - 9 pm. Session 2 is a day camp being held from July 17-21 from 9 am-5 pm. Meals are included. For info visit <https://discover.hilbert.edu/summer-camps/> or contact Coach Rob deGrandpre at 716-926-8803 or [rdegranpre@hilbert.edu](mailto:rdegranpre@hilbert.edu).



What did the mother rope warn her mischievous children? She said, "Don't be knotty!"



### Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, May 14** - Final Class  
Grades K - 6, Religious Education  
9:00 am - 10:00 am
- **Sunday, May 14** - Mother's Day  
Pancake Breakfast at Our Lady of Peace, 8 am - noon
- **Friday, May 19** - Women's Bible  
Study Group meets at 8:45 am in the Rectory Meeting Room.
- **Saturday, May 20** -  
Pro-Life Prayer Group,  
9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Sunday, May 21** - Youth Ministry  
meeting in the Parish Hall, 6:00

### VOCATION VIEW

Did you make your Confirmation? Where is that in the Bible, anyway? It's in today's 1st reading, Acts of the Apostles chapter 8. At Confirmation, we become soldiers for Christ. Follow Him wherever He orders you. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).



**Prayer for Vocations** - God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers and religious priests. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"The Virgin Mary received Your Word in faith and brought forth fruit in love: through her intercession, may your Church bear fruit that will last."

From the intercessions from the Magnificat, Saturday, May 6th